GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Petroleum Products
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed shortage of supply of petroleum products in the ratio of the consumers in various States including Uttar Pradesh;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(c) the directions issued by the Government to the oil companies for taking necessary action to increase the number of dealers in order to meet the requirements of petroleum products vis-a-vis the ratio of the consumers ;
(d) whether any time limit has been fixed for oil companies to appoint adequate number of dealers to meet the demand of the consumers in the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the other concrete efforts made/ proposed to be made by the Government to overcome the shortage of petroleum products in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that there is no shortage of petroleum products in the ratio of consumers reported in the country, including in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The demand of petroleum products is being met in full from all retail outlets/ LPG distributorships of OMCs across the country including in the State of Uttar Pradesh. However, there may be temporary shortages in a particular area due to reasons beyond the control of Oil Companies, like flood, landslides, Road blockade etc.. In such cases, OMCs take necessary steps to move products from alternative sources/route to meet the demand of the customers.
(c) to (e) : There is no restriction on the OMCs for expansion of their dealership/distributorship network in the country. OMCs have reported that expansion of Retail Outlet/LPG Distributorship network by them is a regular and ongoing exercise which is carried out by them keeping in view the future demand and consumption. Locations for setting up new Retail outlets/LPG Distributorship are identified by OMCs after carrying out required feasibility study. The locations found feasible and economically viable are included in the Marketing Plan and advertised in Newspapers inviting applications.
There is no time limit fixed for expansion of Retail/LPG network as the materialization of allotment /commissioning of the Retail Outlets/LPG Distributorship after advertisement is fulfilled over a period of time.